## DELAWARE CONCERNED RESIDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

March 18, 2022

Octavia Dryden
Executive Director
CHEC Inc.

Bear, DE 19701

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Ms. Dryden:

The Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice @CHEC (DCR4EJ) provides this letter of support to Community Housing and Empowerment Connections Inc. and its partners in pursuit of an EPA Enhancing Air Quality Monitoring for Communities grant to implement the Community-engaged Air Quality Monitoring in New Castle County, Delaware.

The DCR4EJ @CHEC mission is to empower and inform people of the fundamental rights to clean air, water, land and food. Our group comprised of residents living in close proximity to environmental hazard have identified community air monitoring as central to environmental just. Therefore, we will designate a representative to serve on the Community Steering Committee, assist with recruiting other residents to participate in activities relative to the proposed project. DCR4EJ will promote the project through its environmental justice and community networks.

We highly recommend support for the proposed *Community-engaged Air Quality Monitoring for New Castle County, DE* project that uses a collaborative, community engaged process to develop a community-led air monitoring network and attains the scientific rigor required for research, while also achieving community priorities. This project will greatly benefit overburdened communities in New Castle County to better understand and participate in air quality planning in their neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Amber Edwards

Amber Edwards Member, DCR4EJ